



Annual Direct Loan Conference



Session # 8

EDExpress Direct Loan "Give Us Your Feedback"



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Introduction

- Who are we?
- What is our role?



The Four Steps in the Life Cycle

■ **Who are the “partners”?**

- Department of Education
- Contractors who develop the software
- Schools & Servicers who use the software
- Vendors who use the software



The Four Steps in the Life Cycle

- Requirements
- Development
- Testing
- Distribution



The Four Steps in the Life Cycle

■ **STEP 1 -- Requirements**

- What was carried over from last year
- What changes in the law or regulations need to be incorporated
- What feedback have we received
- What did we learn from Focus Groups

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The Four Steps in the Life Cycle

STEP 1 -- Requirements

- How it affects all the trading partners
- Cost involved in implementing a change
- How would Schools benefit
- How would Schools be affected in a negative way

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The Four Steps in the Life Cycle

■ **STEP 2 -- Development**

- Based on agreed upon Requirements, Development begins
- Each trading partner develops the software changes agreed upon



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■ STEP 3 -- Testing

- Development Testing
- CPS Customer Service Testing
- Subcontractor Testing
- ED Acceptance Testing
- Beta Testing
- Regression Testing



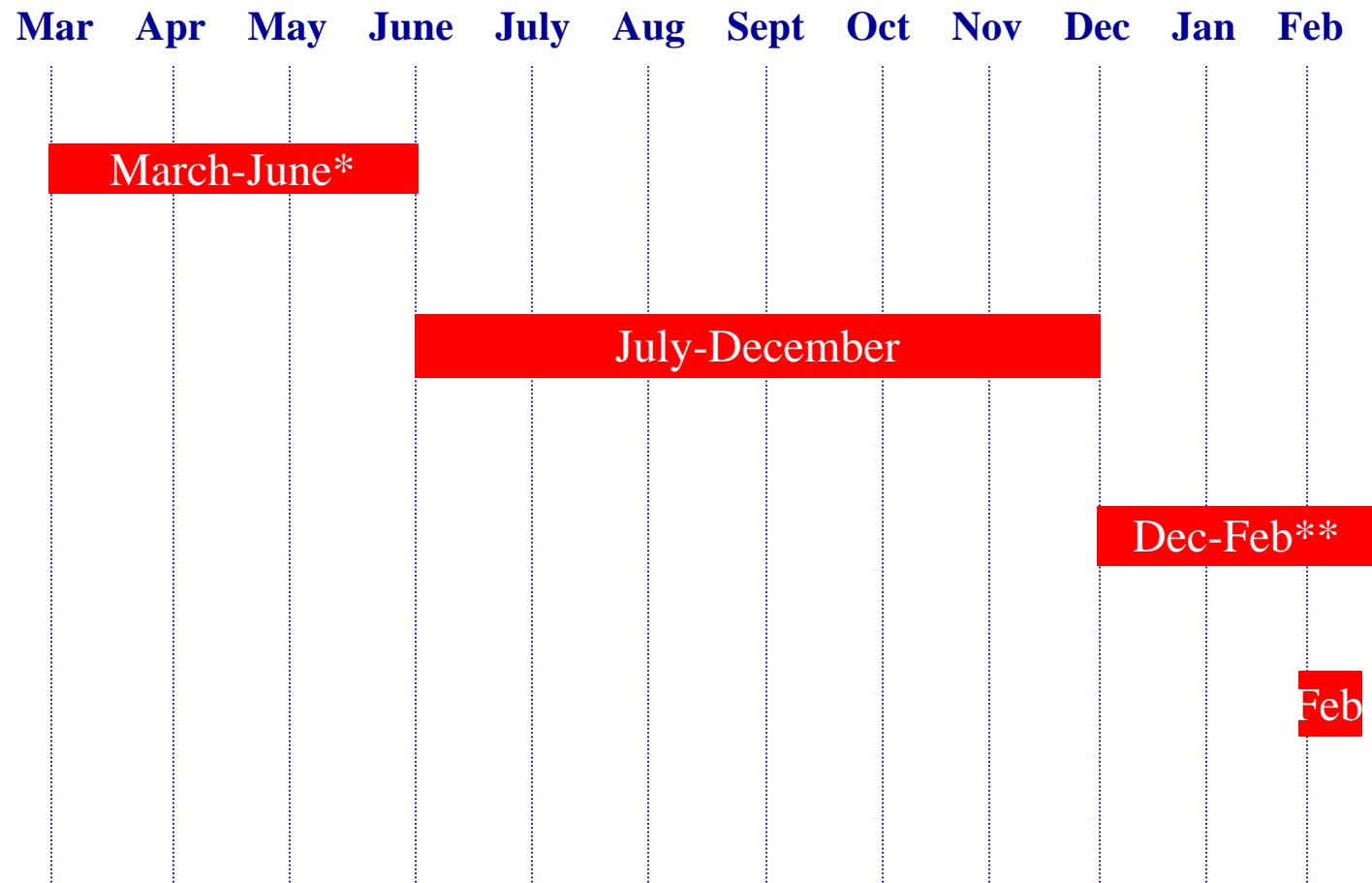
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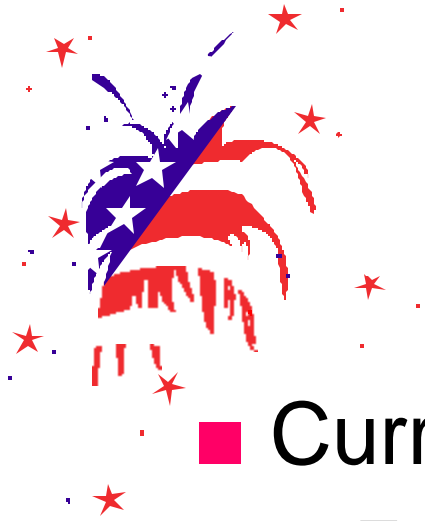
■ **Step 4 -- Distribution**

- Distribution via SFA Download WEB site
 - Cover Letter
 - Installation Guide
 - Software
 - Technical Reference and Update pages
- Desk References



Annual Schedule



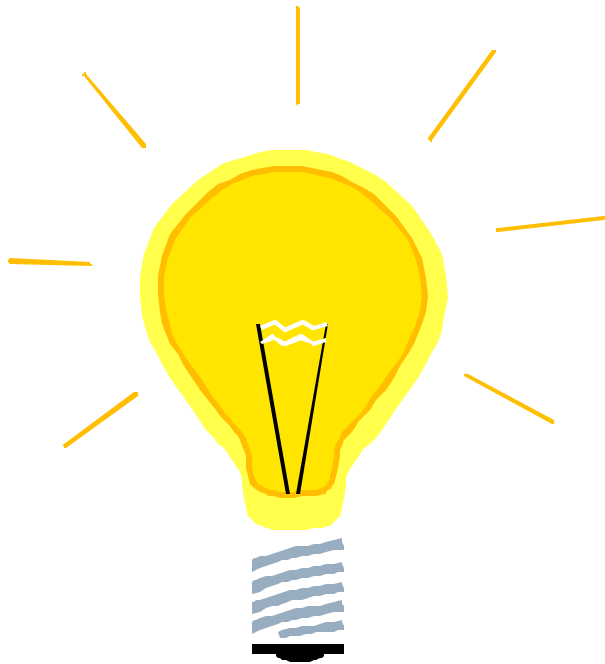


What Role Can Schools Play in the Process?

- **Current role**
 - Focus Groups
 - Beta Review of Technical Reference
 - Beta Testing
- **Enhanced User Involvement**
 - Usability Testing
 - Requirements documentation review
- **Sign Up NOW!!!!**



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Now we'd like
to hear your
ideas!!!